

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 932

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Natalie Simms on her selection as the 2017-2018 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Simms is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Simms has been selected as the 2017-2018 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher in the Sevier County School System since 1993, Mrs. Simms has taught kindergarten at Pigeon Forge Primary School for the past six years; she previously taught first grade for ten years and junior primary, a class between kindergarten and first grade, for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Simms received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Carson-Newman University and her Educational Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simms is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Simms truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Natalie Simms on being chosen as the 2017-2018 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.